

Agenda
March 5, 2011 – March 18, 2011

County Council
Monday, March 7, 2011
Banneker Room
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
7:30 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day #3

Approve Journal – February 7, 2011

Approve Minutes

Legislative Public Hearing – February 22, 2011

Legislative Work Session – February 28, 2011

Introduction of Legislation

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

Appointments

Council Resolution No. 18-2011 - Confirming the appointment of Angela M. Cash to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Council Resolution No. 19-2011 - Confirming the appointment of Lisa Lopez Friedman to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

Council Resolution No. 20-2011 - Confirming the appointment of George W. Hunter, III to the Housing Commission.

Council Resolution No. 21-2011 - Confirming the reappointment of Christopher P. Parr to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Financial

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-2011 - Transferring up to \$1,700,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses for snow removal.

General

Council Bill No. 6-2011 - Introduced by Greg Fox/Co-sponsored by Courtney Watson - Amending the Howard County Code to require developers conducting pre-submission community meetings in accordance with Section 16.128 of the County Code to send a copy of the meeting's minutes and responses to certain questions to the meeting attendees within in a certain timeframe of the meeting; and generally relating to pre-submission community meetings.

Council Bill No. 7-2011 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of 10071 WBO LLC c/o Patriot Realty - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit increased residential density on certain CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoned parcels and to allow the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning to further reduce the minimum commercial space requirement under certain conditions; and generally relating to the CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoning district.

Council Bill No. 8-2011 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Ralph Ballman - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Enforcement provisions of Section 102: Violations, Enforcement, and Penalties to change and clarify the notification procedures and appeal rights for persons requesting an inspection of a suspected violation; and generally relating to the Enforcement Subsection of Section 102.

Council Bill No. 9-2011 - Introduced by, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning - Allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 as a permitted accessory use in the RC (Rural Conservation) and the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning Districts under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 and Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning District under certain conditions; defining certain terms; establishing certain criteria related to Farm Wineries Class 1 and Class 2; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Council Bill No. 10-2011 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive/Co-sponsored by Calvin Ball, Council Chairperson, and Greg Fox - Providing for certain market-based alternatives to the moderate income housing unit obligation imposed on developers; making certain corrections in the process for determining the price of a moderate income housing unit offered for sale; clarifying when certain factors related to price will be established; amending the time that certain interest rates shall be determined; setting the maximum amount of earnest money that may be collected from certain purchasers; removing obsolete references related to the eligibility to rent moderate income housing units; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to Moderate Income Housing Units in Howard County.

Council Bill No. 11-2011 - Pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Interconnection Service Agreement among PJM Interconnection LLC, Howard County, Maryland and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for interconnection of the Alpha Ridge landfill gas to energy project where electricity will be generated from methane produced at the landfill and used for some landfill operations with the excess electricity sold on the PJM regional transmission grid.

Council Resolution No. 22-2011 - Approving a public interest use for a monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment on land owned by Trent Kittleman; finding that the proposed use is in the public interest; approving an amendment to certain deeds of easement to release the land used for the monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment for a public purpose; and providing that the release is contingent on a certain payment to the County.

Council Resolution No. 23-2011 - Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into a contract with 3330 Rogers Avenue, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for the design and construction of road improvements to Ellicott Center Drive.

Council Resolution No. 24-2011 - Pursuant to Sections 4.201 and 13.1319 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey to the Howard County Housing Commission, in fee simple, certain property owned by the County, known as the Hilltop apartment complex, the Roger Carter Recreation Center, the Tiber Hudson Senior Housing Project, and ancillary parcels located within Ellicott City for redevelopment as a 278 unit mixed income residential community and recreational facility; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Consideration

Consent

Council Resolution No. 8-2011 - Introduced by The Chairperson - Confirming the appointment of Joan Becker, Irfan Malik, David A. Marker, Cheryl M. Miller, David Myers, Kevin Rodkey, and Lawrence Walker to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and naming Lawrence Walker as the Chairperson.

Council Resolution No. 9-2011 - Pursuant to Section 2-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the names of Kent Finkelsen, Paul Gudelski, Wayne Lesonick, and Renee C. Mierczak to be submitted to the Director of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation as nominees for the position of Howard County Supervisor of Assessments.

Council Resolution No. 13-2011 - Confirming the appointment of Daniel E. Tracy, Jr. to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Council Resolution No. 14-2011 - Confirming the appointment of Sandi S. Olek to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution No. 15-2011 - Confirming the reappointment of James Caldwell to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution No. 16-2011 - Confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution No. 17-2011 - Confirming the appointment of Deb Poquette to the Public Ethics Commission.

General

Council Bill No. 4-2011 - Introduced by Greg Fox - Amending an uncodified section in Council Bill No. 14-2007, as amended by Council Bills No. 11-2008, 2-2009, and 62-2009, that required certain connections to the Planned Service Area for water and sewer within a certain time in order to extend the time to make the connections.

Council Bill No. 5-2011 - Reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; creating an Office of Transportation within the Department of County Administration; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Transportation; setting forth the general qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; providing that the Administrator of the Office of Transportation will be an executive exempt position appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer with the approval of the County Executive; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.

Council Resolution No. 10-2011 - Introduced by The Chairperson - Establishing a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations concerning the Howard County Charter; appointing certain persons to serve on the Commission; appointing a Chairperson; providing for the duties of the Commission including the duty to submit a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Redistricting Commission.

Council Resolution No. 11-2011 - Introduced by Chair and Courtney Watson - Amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to conform to longstanding practices; authorizing the Chairperson to cancel a meeting under specified circumstances; clarifying when the Council is permitted to conduct closed sessions and who may attend such sessions; clarifying that the Chairperson may, but need not, vote; clarifying the way that Administration requests are characterized; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure.

Council Resolution No. 12-2011 - Endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Tabled Legislation

Council Bill No. 56-2010 - Clarifying certain sign requirements specific to Downtown Columbia under certain conditions; allowing signs of a certain size in Downtown Columbia; allowing certain signs in Downtown Columbia under certain conditions; allowing certain signs in the County rights-of-way in Downtown Columbia; allowing for certain signs to be illuminated in Downtown Columbia; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to sign requirements for Downtown Columbia. (Tabled 1/3/11 / Extended Life 30 days and tabled on 2/7/11)

Council Resolution No. 138-2010 - Adopting Downtown-wide Design Guidelines for Downtown Columbia. (Tabled 1/3/11)

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Zoning Board
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 (if needed)
Banneker Room
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
7:00 p.m.

Continuation Public Hearing

Zoning Board Case No. 1090M Normandy Venture Ltd.
To amend the Zoning Map from B-2 to TNC. (8450 &
8480 Baltimore Nat'l Pike & 3095 Rogers Ave.)

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County Council
Monday, March 14, 2011
Monthly Meeting
Dr. C. Vernon Gray Conference Room
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
12:30 p.m.

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